Among them a farmer from Zerist, with his wife and a child, a home for us. C meet Harren and look and four more Hollanders in Wintruph, a farmer. We hope, D.Y., to make the trip together as soon as Cornells has my brother Jan has come back to this neighborhood Saturday, to work for that she will not say, and that little Jan is also such a dear - far boy. C has gone to Canada. That little thing can say everything except aunt, that has crossed everything, and she knows very well that uncle a cute talker. She respects everything, and she knows very well that uncle other, and those dear little children make it so pleasant. Hadn't is such the time arrives for me to leave from here. We are so accustomed to each that it will not be for too long a time, but I will find it difficult when March 31. Parting was difficult for both of us, and we hope God will grant you have undoubtedly received a letter from C. Since he left here on prayer, since Mother may once again enjoy reasonable good health. God, as the Lord in this has again demonstrated that He is a hearer of journey. I hope you may all celebrate Mother's birthday with gratitude to with the Lord's blessing and nearness for Mother on her continued life's received your best wishes last week, thank you all for them. We also

April 11, 1910
Chandler, Min

Letter from Jantie to the Van Der Vlier Family

C, and J.
Your affectionate children

Greetings, we are with the wish that you may receive this in good health, and with
Dear Friend!

Letter from Herman Van der Lee to Willis

Janie
Your Loving

Greetings to all

Greetings to Alice and Neetie and the neighbors, and so forth.

I must let you all of my dresses. There is no further news.

His ups and downs, and American food also helps me.

May, which he dreads somewhat. My brother Jan has behaved well in spite of that.

I have seen her a couple of times. Hendrik must begin to serve the queen in a good impression on me, although I am not acquainted with her, except that.

Last week she sent me her photograph with a letter, in which she made a place from Father, where he is farming at present. I am glad he has found a place forward to it, Gerrit plans to be married in May. He has rented a

Examination on April 1, but do not know the result yet. I am eager

that he is able to walk quite a distance again. Hebert took his teacher’s

all is still well there. Father’s rheumatism has improved quite a bit, so

Mother often asks eagerly about Beeda. According to the latest reports
Friday morning your son was not feeling too well, but we thought it would pass. But in the afternoon he suddenly developed a stomach cramp, which became more severe so suddenly, that we felt it to be necessary, to stop at a farmer's. He gave him a bed and room and everything we desired.

I spent the entire night with him, took care of him as well as I could, but it was in vain. After 24 hours he entered into eternal rest. I will never be able to forget, to see a friend die among strangers.

I will write again soon. I have sent the news to his wife.

Hearty greetings to all.

Your affectionate friend

H. Van der Lee

And on April 22 he became ill. At night he still said to me, "To think that I must become ill right on my mother's birthday."

The last thing he asked me to do for him was to send a post card to his wife, telling her he had become ill. But I should not make it seem bad. I wrote the post card and read it to him. Then I also wrote a short letter.

So he entered eternal rest quietly and calmly. I did everything in my power for him during his illness and burial. If you know of anything you wish to have been different, do not blame me. I was here by myself and still speak very little English.

Hearty greetings to all,

Your affectionate friend

H. Van der Lee.
Jacobs and Martha and from Harman. There were also parts of letters from
families, and one to friends in Bergen. There were also letters from
of these two came from Janje, one to the Van der Vliet and Busrink.
Many letters were written to Ittis by Janje, by Jacobs and Martha.
then seven months old, and became attached to him.

hope and usefulness in Janje. Janje paid special attention to Ittis Janje,
it was the joy and the needs of the small children which awakened a sense of
frequency, and Jacobs and Martha were very helpful, other people also.
but
Janje was extremely despondent. Rey. Cokker came to visit there.
Great sadness in the Verbrugge home. The entire vicinity was in shock.
Details of the events are told in the letters from Janje. There was
picked up on the way to Loeër.

often walked to get the mail. On this day, however, the mail was to be
attend. The mailbox was a half mile from the Verbrugge home and Janje
was a song program in Loeër, which Jacobs, Janje and Jan intended to
28, five days after Harman had sent it. On the evening of that day there
The telegram from Harman was not in the Verbrugge mailbox until April
sent with the mail.

Verbrugge. In those days a telegram was taken to the post office, and was
Verbrugge. After family and to his parents. He also sent a telegram to Jacobs
for the letters which Harman Van der Lee sent to Ittis, to the Van der
ill and appendix. He was buried the following Monday, April 25. Except
Corneil van der Vliet died on Saturday April 23, as the result of an
Harman in every way) and an English minister, I also received a hearty

C was buried on April 25. His body was followed by H. Vander Lee. A
certain Dykstra, a 79-year-old in Canada, reported by birth (who helped

us to show, for our eye is upon Thee."

emotionally, and the prayer of my dear husband was: "O Lord, do not put

The last morning, when we knelt together, we were both so moved

Lord, what wilt I trust, my hope is in Thee."

be sought, even though faith is at times small, amid my sighs I say: "Now

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clung. What a privilege it is at such a time, to know where comfort is to
distress can reach that point, and if we do not have a God, to whom we can

that Mrs. Howe, committed suicide, and I can well imagine, that the

eat beast. But, oh how sad it is: as I have just read in Robert's Letter,

Oh, I can well understand that this life is one of trouble and sorrow,

God's grace be my strength.

May it be not to be, I will have to continue my life's pathway alone. May

each other so much, and were in hopes a happy home life would be ours, but

like a dream that such a turning-point has come about in my life. I loved

I can still hardly imagine the reality. Sometimes it all seems to be

expect the answer until next week.

about his trials, and have asked Harman some questions, but I cannot

how patient the great distances are. I would so much like to know

the Lord.

afternoon, April 23. Life had ended. Oh, how inscrutable are the ways of

seemed to help at first, but a little later, at 2 o'clock Saturday
tended to sell all the things which are in Edmonson, except for clothing
I have taken care of for me. I wonder if I will send the papers, and we have asked
my brother to-day will make arrangements for all the matters to be

... today I was busy making preparations for our wedding—-and now.

How true it is that joy and grief follow one another. A year ago

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to express my grief in the natural fashion Jan was able with me.

Gradually I was informed about the whole truth, and at once I was able

about Conservative and I soon became aware that there was no more hope.

whether you are also involved, "I immediately asked. "It is something

but when Verbrugge asked: "can you possibly wonder why we are so quiet, and

gone to the minister in the morning. At first I suspected nothing bad,

That tense situation lasted until the following afternoon. (Kobus had

business affairs, which was not my concern.

questions, because I thought that probably something had occurred to our

eventually, I noticed that something unusual had happened, but did not ask

Go home. He himself was badly shocked, and when I came home in the

if a shock for us received only the answer: "You people go ahead, I

He stepped out of the wagon and said he had to go home. I asked: "Is

eyes were bewildered, so I did not see that it was addressed to Kobus.

we went to attend to some program in Leetea, via Kobus. Jan and I, on the

we received the telegraph here on April 28. That evening the three of

me in the future.

Letter from that day, and he was prepared to do everything he could for
...once telegraphed for information....
not write that to us either. After we received the letter yesterday we...
us, and even the direct cause we were not able to tell you, because he did...
gather that you have had no other news, except that which you received from...
according to the letter from Harmon, received by us yesterday, we...
suddenly, letter following.

already learned from the letter which reads: "I can not infer dead
I even though we did not write about the matter in detail, which H. and I
again. From the letter of last Friday you can already anticipate the worst,
with deep sadness in our heart and in mourning we must write to you
Dear Parents etc.

Part of a letter from Jacobus Verburg to his parents-in-law

Your affectionate daughter and sister

With hearty greetings,

You.

Remaining conscious of the sympathy and intercessory prayers of all of
these, and the Lord certainly has a little calling for me to fulfill.
The family think about that. There surely are still opened arms and many
would it not be best for me to return to the land of my birth? What does
and then, when all matters have been regulated here, what am I to do?
place in good order.

and bedding, and they are willing to do all they can. All of that has taken

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Oh, dear parents, I can well understand how your hearts bleed, but also
and Mother....

How shall I begin to speak a word of comfort to you, especially Father?

Letter from Martha Verbrugge - Van der Vliet to her parents in Winnipeg

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Jack Verbrugge
Your affectionate son and brother,

and in love...

with the ability and power which God has granted us, in brotherly fashion
and Cornelius had more business matters to attend to. We will stand by her
and matters to regulate. All their possessions are in probate, of course, when eventually the initial grief has been endured, there

Feeling must be suppressed.

fulfill the task which rests upon me under these circumstances, and that the
All times we keep together, and sometimes I must admonish myself to

ashamed.

circumstances to seek refuge at the throne of God, and we were not made
it so much, but we have also experienced what it means, in such difficult
The very difficult task of telling Jane to call upon me, and I dreaded

Cemetery in Stettler, Alberta, Canada where a grave was purchased for him.

Cornelius was buried Monday evening, April 22, at five o'clock in the

You realize what it means for us to tell you the complete details now.
Greetings again about details.

All of the children are also well. Undoubtedly Harmen has written to you.

Jac and Marla,

Your affectionate children

Committing you to the Lord and greeting you in love,

This is a valley of tears.

but had to control himself frequently, and in this way one experiences that

The congregation here sympathized with Janette. The minister soon came,

strangers...

of the stomach. Cornelis had severe pain, and Harmen was so alone among

Yesterday we received another letter from Harmen. It was information

away...
Harmen

Heartfelt Greetings and All,

I will close. If you wish to know anything else, just write.

...not soon move again. I have seen enough of the world. I will travel around. Boy, Harmen, when I finally have a little place, I will

travel around. The same in regard to the roaming and

during the final days, he said more than once, that it was really too risky,

always spoke about it with enthusiasm and also about his expectation. Then

from what he usually did. When one spoke to him about South Africa, he

The last days when I was traveling with him, he said nothing different

visited his grave. The cemetery is a half mile outside of the city.

friends. Look another Hollander then went along to Sterter where we

On Saturday, May 4, I had gone to Zoutman in the hopes of meeting my

suddenly taken away by death.

ev EVERYTHING and were on the point of executing our plans, when he was so

took for land for several Hollanderers. Your brother was well informed about

how suddenly the plan of men can be altered. We were on our way to

Verbruggen, as he told me to do in this letter.

writing... Today I will send all of the papers, watch and ring to

the sickroom, but you realize that I was confused and hardly knew what I was

I have long delayed writing to you. I should have written the name of

Dear Brother-in-law and Sister,

Sterlet, May 7, 1910

Letter from Harmen van Der Lee to Jacobus van der Vliet

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first it seemed like a dream, corneille have you entered eternity...

which he planted, and flower beds he laid out, a cheese-mold he made. all

he sowed the lettuce and radishes which we eat, berries and lilac bushes.

there are still so many memories of him, what he has built and done.

not see him again on earth.

train runs past our place through the hills, little thinking that she would

her three oldest children still went to wave good-bye to him, since the

kobus took him away. jantje was calm, and, after all had eaten, with

for riches for you, but that your expectation may be from the lord alone.

we made farewell to everyone. i wish corneilles, the best, i do not wish

and to begin again with all the plans which had been made.

on march 31 the teleus for canada filled with courage, well and strong.

lord, for the sad tidings that our brother was no longer on earth...

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death of corneilles... but, he was able to prepare me in the strength of the

sombre as he was when he came home with the telegram announcing the sudden

for us to receive that news. i have never seen my husband so depressed and

you also long to hear from us, oh sister, how dreadful and painful it was.

although you have probably read the letters we wrote home, i imagine

dear brother-in-law and malle:

chandreux, may 23, 1910

part of a letter from malle to malle and wijnand oussenoven

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Dear Friends,

Letter to Friends in Belfast

Jac and Martha

Greetings with our love,

her genuine sisterly love...

love become stronger. We hope to make her life pleasant and also experience love frequently think of what Janice must do, and in this way the love of

I only one of trouble and sorrow.

lose everything, zarówno at times wisps that have experienced in these first days how necessary that is, oh, when we move.

strength. Better wiser: "May God prevent you from becoming despondent." unless God sustains her, and I would not be able to do so in my own

thought that you have thought: "I have not a word to bear this,

I know all of you feel for me. How I wish I could talk to you. I can

where my dear husband was no longer in the land of the living. Oh, beloved,

Not during the first moments, but soon later, I thought: How shocked

individuals, as means in his hand to point out His mercy and promises.

comforting, than a sympathetic look and handshake. My God uses

individuals sound so odd to our ears, and long speeches even less

It is certainly true that at such times words of comfort from

three girls-friends, who give me such heart evidence of their sympathy.

Even though I address my Letter to you, I do wish to direct it to my

Letter, Minn, July 2, 1910
necessary for me to have diversion and work to do. I could very well remain
so I can certainly experience that God is caring for me. It is so
really
child. I have been here two weeks already. I do not know how long I will
and now I am with people who also need my help, to take care of a small
my life.
there was still a task for me to perform, and I was not to continue myself to
she was alone, her mother was doing the washing. God caused me to see that
up, my smallest daughter stood at the stairs calling “mummy” repeatedly.
On one of the following mornings also, when I could not decide to get
had the rider in hand, and God gave him the wisdom to prepare me carefully.
planned to pick up the letters in the evening, so my brother-in-law first
I always went to get the letter, but that day I did not, because we
the way that terrible news reached me.
are so many things in which we recognize His hand, was it not remarkable
that He sees my trouble and misery. When God gives us an eye to see, there
things I still have reasons for gratitude that I know God has done it, and
his wife, took his own life, leaving 9 children as orphans. When I see such
I recently heard of a man who in despair resulting from the death of
no chance of word from him, could the Lord lead by way of a deeper path?
so often think, how I wish circumstances could have died here, not having a last
all, God does all that which He sees fit, and we must remain silent. Oh, I
master of my deep suffering, and at times I could not grasp the reality of it
seemed that it made me all the more sad, as if it was a mockery. In the
especially in the first days, the weather was so beautiful, but it
Canada. He settled in Chippewa, near Sitter, married, and was a farmer.

Harmon van der Lee went through with his plan to become a farmer in a

also have the jetty

from which one can learn so much, combining into my hands unexpectedly. Do you
I had never read anything by him before that fascinated me so much, and

something goes to be missing. - continue as follows:

weeks, I imagine there are many who say: (translator's note: something
here I have promised other people to help them with their several couple of

Fortunately, I can make good use of my time, when my work is finished

I hope that when I must make a decision, that it will be made plain to me.

answer to that. My prayer is that God may instruct me in the way I must go.

and why does God direct everything in such a way when matters are still

and to plan prayerfully.

we are instructed to do. If these people had not addressed me to deal with all situations calmly
soon as possible. I would have left everything which had to be done in a

At first, I thought it would be better for me to return to Holland as

conversation except about everyday matters.

supercilious on the whole. Oh, so few with whom one can carry on a

thought that I would then be of no benefit. And the people here are so

here for a half year, so many people ask me to. But I cannot endure the
For you to hear this on the one hand, as it awakens so many memories, but I
loved and faithfulness for life. I realized dear parents, it will be partial
Yesterday Rev. Brouwer was here, and we have promised each other our
quickly inform you.
I would not like to have you hear the news from others, so I shall

Betje, Jan. 7, 1915

Janette to her Parents—In-Law

A letter to Klaus and Grethe Van Der Vliet to announce their plans.

Betty in 1915 Rev. Brouwer and Janette decided to marry. Janette wrote

province of Gelderland. He had two children: Christian and Jan.

housekeeper, family for Rev. Harm Brouwer, a minister in Hetreum in the

and her brothers were more of independent, so she sought work as a

In April 1917, Janette returned to Betje. Her father had re-married,

Jacobs and Maria.

several families, especially for a Mrs. Nick de Boer, but her home was with

Janette lived in the area vicinity for two years. She worked for

lived until the time of his death. He and his family visited Holland twice.

children were born there. Later he moved to Ripon, California, where he

came from Konof. He lived in Chipman for a few years. Three of his

homesteadings near Chipman. He married a daughter from a Dutch family which

Jan busseinka also moved to Canada. He took up 320 acres of land,

years old. In 1981 his widow was still living in Chipmum,

until he gave up farming and moved to Edmonton, where he died when he was 90

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Good spirits... Bertie was home for the Christmas days and is looking very well.

Bernard has been in the hospital for five days, and came back home in good health; it would be a relief.

Again this evening I was surprised to receive a letter from Father. It is patient, it tells me that he is coming down to the hospital, and who is greatly benefited by it. He is coming down on Thursday, and is massaged by a gentleman who also treats vegetarians very well. Saturday he was massaged by a gentleman, who also treats vegetarians.

If I respect each other, father and Mother both approve of our plans. Father is in the best of health, and all goes well.

I was happy to receive Father's letter. It is good to know that everything is going very simply.

Henry, to ask him to perform the marriage ceremony in Zürich. I plan to write him a letter to arrange everything very simply.

Lord so willing, it is convenient to you, we hope to visit you after we are here. I hope to visit upon me, and we will never forget those who have helped.

I can never forget all the love and care, which you have always shown me. May we be a blessing for one another for time and eternity.

May we be a blessing for one another for time and eternity.

God bless us with each other for time and eternity.

And self-sacrifice. May the Lord grant me mercy to desire wisdom from Him.

I will need a great deal of patience to fulfill my task properly. I truly realize the task, and to fulfill it, my true desire, to be a blessing and to fulfill it, my task properly.

It is not because of ulterior motives, but my true desire, to be a blessing to mankind.

Pleased to grant me new happiness.

Know, on the other hand, that you can rejoice with me, since the Lord is...
Greetings from us to all of you.

Rev. Brouwer served the congregation at Heteren until 1917. Then he and Jantje moved to the congregation of Vennertak in the Province of Drenthe, from there, in 1921, to Baltese and Drischen in Gelderen. Rev. Brouwer died in 1938.

In a letter Jantje wrote to Marretje about her life in Zeeland and invited Marretje to visit her.

Dear Sister Marretje,

At the change of the years we once again look back upon all that lies behind us, and it will also be a painful milepost for you, considering the empty place which remains. But I hope you will not succumb to sad thoughts, to which we are especially inclined in days such as these. May the Lord give you patience and submission in whatever way His hand leads.

Jantje to her sister-in-law Marretje

Driegen, Dec. 28, 1923

5. Grietje Van der Vilet died on January 30, 1923. Marretje continued to live in the parsonage home until January, 1924. Then she moved to Volendam to live with Aaltje and Wijand.
Jane

Your loving sister,

Hearty greetings from all of us.

Marie sent me this church card forward, it is a beautiful building.

How is the entire family getting along? We will surely hear soon.

that is ......

sars, how I try to win them by my conduct and life, and what a struggle

nothing to do with the truth, her mother is completely helpless, and yet

having a hard time at home, and was so misunderstood, her parents will have

importantency. I also talked to her husband who complained that she was

seriously ill at the time, she has been ailing for months, but now is

Leaving morning, I spent a week in Beda. Her's wife was quite

here. Two conferections in the meantime is quite difficult.

Here. Two conferences in the meantime is quite difficult.

there was no feeling of readiness to lay aside the work

and a prospect of useful life. It was difficult for my husband to come

over, and it had many attractions externally: more salary, a fine personage

remain here, by virtue of a clock. We did go to Meerkerk to look things

The conference has expressed its pleasure about our decision to

for a little while, and you always know how to make yourself useful.

Zeean before that activity began? We would be happy to have you visit us

How they will miss you. When do you plan to move? Will you go to

family lives in the neighborhood.

Wonder: How is Marie getting along? But how fortunate! It is that the

you. How long it has been since we have heard from each other, I frequently

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same place, in 1972.

gorset, her step-daughter, Christienn Browner was buried in the
Jantje died on September 19, 1933. She was buried in the cemetery at
then left the farm and lived in Bakerston.
years. They had by
opportunity to hear something directly about Jacobus and Martha. They had by
housekeeper for the De Boer. So, in 1935, Jantje and Adrie had
persuaded them to visit Adrie in Woerdon, and also Jantje, who had been a
poor women to visit Adrie in Woerdon. The De Boers decided to go to visit the Massenbaek.
whom he had been a
married to Mary De Boer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick De Boer. The de
years leave of absence to go to Germany to study for his doctorate. He was
In 1935 Rev. Willem Massenbaek of Grand Rapids, Michigan was given a

Many greetings from Aunt J.

In natural beauty. We are all doing well. I hope to write a letter soon.
everywhere. Fortunately I did not realize that Beteve and Victoria were so rich
This is a little picture taken near Beteve. It is so beautiful.

Dear Family:

on a picture-postcard from Beteve

Jantje to her niece Hatilde Verbrugge, in 1926

outscored had died on December 28, 1929.

She often visited Hatilde and Martinez in Woerdon, especially after Wijnand
with her step-daughter, Christienn in one section, and rented the other part.
house built on a small piece of land which she had inherited. She lived a
After Rev. Browner died, Jantje returned to Beteve. There she had a
Dear of God,

Heard, America is in many ways religious, but oh so Jackling in the true
be heard according to the demand of God's Word. May it continue to be
has been in whistle, who is such a blessing here, and causes the trumpet to
weight of this service. May he be a blessing, just as Key. Van Lunkerlygen

Letter Enlargement undated [1916]

Jacques Van der Vletter
Jan van der Vletter
Johanna Van der Vletter - Van der Lee
Trizje Van der Vletter - Trizje
Jas Crister - Van Zeverhoven
Wijma's Oosteren - Van der Vletter
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Mareke Wittenburg - Van der Vletter
Meelje Van der Zeverhoven - Van der Vletter
Jantje Van der Vletter Brouwer - Busink
Jantje Van der Zeverhoven
Jan Brouwer
Jan Vletter Viss

Standing, Left to Right:

Gratie Van der Vletter - Kozendam
Klaas Van der Vletter

Seated:

Gratie Van der Vletter, September 21, 1916 at Witte's, the Netherlands.

Family portrait taken at the 40th wedding anniversary of Klaas and

PHOTOGRAPH
Family portrait taken at the 40th wedding anniversary of Klaas and Grietje van der Vliet, 21 September 1976, Wilnis, The Netherlands.
to cast our cares, was a God who surprised us, helped us out and through, so
look forward to the time with concern, but the Lord, upon whom we were able
cause me to delay telling you sooner. This time there was good reason to
this month, a well-formed little daughter was born. The initial business
To begin with the last great event: that last Sunday, the 26th of
Government, and we also have many reasons to be thankful to the Lord.
Yesterday was the national day of thanksgiving proclaimed by the

Dear Parents, etc:

Nov. 30, 1916
Chandlier, Min.

Jacques to the Van der Vliet Family

Once more, thanks for the picture.

Joe and M.

Your loving children,

Love,

Greet all of the family, also Jan Vis, and greetings also to you in

Amundi.

Visit us for a little while. They are doing very well. I have not yet met

this week. A dear little girl. In days Headley is coming to

The children all doing well. All life had begun to walk by herself

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The 1930's and the War Years

The time span between the decade of the 20's and 30's was a period during which important changes took place in the Van Der Vliet - Verbrugge family groups.

Wijnand Oussoren and Aaitje has decided in 1924 to discontinue farming near Kortrijk and to move to Woerden. When Marretje heard about this she suggested that they purchase a larger house, to contain an apartment for her. So it happened that Marretje also moved to Woerden. A couple of years later Wijnand developed a heart condition, and he had to live a careful life. He died on December 29, 1929. He was sixty years old at the time.

Marretje became ill in 1931. She had an operation and then came back to Aaitje's home. Aaitje had never been strong, so it was decided that Ali Van Der Vliet, the daughter of Jacobus and Johanna would also go to Woerden to help out. She came there in November, 1931. She was then 15 1/2 years of age. Marretje went back to the hospital for about six months and returned to Aaitje's home in the fall of 1932. She died early in the morning of Ascension Day, May 25, 1933, and was buried in Wilnis.

Ali lived in Woerden for about five years. Jantje lived in Eerde, and was also a widow. Jantje and Aaitje visited one another frequently so Ali heard a great deal about life in Wilnis and Op De Lann in former years, the
Koonedoom, without profession, both residents of Williams and
farmer in Williams, adult son of farmers Von Der Vitter, farmer, and of Gritze
farmer by profession, born in Williams, adult son of farmers Von Der Vitter,
three years of age, a
Corrells Von Der Vitter
of Corselet, for the purpose of consummate their marriage.
Today May 7, 1909, there appeared before me, clerk of the municipality
Marriage certificate: Corrells Von Der Vitter and Janette Busse
family circle, these changes were hard to cope with.
of her close association with the life of her children and an intimate
of former chose association with the life of her children and a intimate
were many other changes, and children left their home. For Marla, because
James, with this wife, Jane, continued to live on the Verbrugge farm. There
leota, in 1929 both of them were married and established there on homes.
Grace moved in 1926 to work a farm where Jacobus had purchased land of
parental home to follow their own life's path. For example, James and
During the last years of the 20's, their children began to leave the
there were also many changes in the family life of Jacobus and Marla
acquainted with Hendrick Verbrugge, they were married in the summer of 1940.
but that was not all. During those five years all also became
the letters in this collection were preserved by all.
Corrells Von Der Vitter and the tragedies in the life of Jane, some of
problems associated with the marriage of Jacobus and Marla, the adventures
PARTICIPANTS AND WITNESSES.

Time and after having read it to them, have signed it, together with the
I have at this time made a duplicate copy of this certificate at this
Living in Vienna, brother of the Groom.
Jacobus Van der Vlge, twenty-seven years of age, farmer by profession
Living in Hettenen, brother of the Bride.
Hendrikus Bunseink, twenty-eight years of age, minister by profession.

WITNIS, FATHER OF THE GROOM,
Klaas Van der Vlge, sixty years of age, farmer by profession Living in
By profession, Living in Beede, father of the Bride.
Done in the presence of Peeter Bunseink, sixty-one years of age, farmer
another in marriage.

They were declared by me, in the name of the Law, to be united to one
one another as marriage partners and to fulfill all obligations faithfully,
after the participants had declared themselves to be prepared to accept
also at Witzens on the same date.

The announcements of this marriage have been made locally without
Hendrikus Witzens, deceased.
Gorsell, adult daughter of Peeter Bunseink, farmer Living in Beede, and of
profession, born in Gorsell, and a resident of Beede, municipality of
thirty years of age, without